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TAGS: PINS, PINT, SF
SUBJECT: MAN KILLED CARRYING BOMB IN PORT ELIZABETH

1. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, A MAN WAS KILLED LATE AFTERNOON MARCH 9 ON DOWNTOWN STREET IN PORT ELIZABETH WHEN PACKAGE HE WAS CARRYING EXPLODED. POLICE SPOKESMAN, WHO REFUSED TO IDENTIFY THE MAN, DESCRIBED IT AS A "VERY POWERFUL" BOMB WHICH, HAD IT EXPLODED IN MORE CONFINED SPACE, COULD HAVE DONE CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE. ONE MAN WAS INJURED BY FLYING GLASS AND WINDOWS IN SEVERAL BUILDINGS WERE BROKEN. POLICE SAID PIECES OF MAN'S BODY WERE SCATTERED OVER AREA 100 METERS IN DIAMETER.

2. WHILE BLACK TOWNSHIPS IN OTHER CITIES IN SOUTH AFRICA HAVE BEEN LARGELY FREE OF VIOLENT PROTESTS DURING PAST FEW MONTHS, PORT ELIZABETH HAS CONTINUED TO EXPERIENCE SPORADIC INCIDENTS OF ARSON, STONE-THROWING AND ATTACKS ON TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS REGARDED AS GOVERNMENT "COLLABORATORS." BOMB EXPLOSION IS FIRST INCIDENT OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE, HOWEVER, OCCURRING OUTSIDE THE TOWNSHIPS. WHILE REASONS
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FOR CONTINUING UNREST IN PORT ELIZABETH NOT ENTIRELY CLEAR, IT HAS LONG BEEN A STRONGHOLD OF AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS (ANC) SENTIMENT AND KNOWLEDGEABLE OBSERVERS BELIEVE THE ANC ELEMENTS ARE MOST LIKELY INVOLVED IN THE CONTINUING VIOLENCE.
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